

COURT HOUSE NEWS

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE, ORPHANS COURT, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ETC.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, December 13th.—M. Agatha Yost, administratrix of Elmer E. Yost, deceased, reported sale of personal property.

Charles P. and Harry A. Gelman, executors of William H. Geiman, deceased, reported sale of real estate and order nisi granted thereon.

Last will and testament of Elmer E. Hawk, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon granted unto Mary A. Hawk and Birnie R. L. Bowers, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Letters of administration on estate of David J. Rupp, deceased, was granted unto H. Scott Rupp, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

Tuesday, December 13th.—Sale of real estate of Charles E. Goodwin, deceased, was ratified by the court.

George W. Dreschler, executor of Andrew Dreschler, deceased, made a supplemental account.

Letters of administration on the estate of Eliza Utz, deceased, granted unto Jacob E. Utz, who received warrant to appraise and order to notify creditors.

The Westminster Deposit and Trust Company, guardian of Treva M. Reese, settled their first account.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Francis Neal Parke and Guy W. Steele, trustees, to Clarence W. Conway, farm.

Clarence W. Conway and wife to Henry M. Gillis and wife, tract, for \$3,000.

Howard C. Albright and wife to M. Agatha Yost, property, for \$3500.

Thomas Snyder and wife to Elias B. Rausin and wife, tract, for \$10.

Laura S. Morningstar to Walter E. Weaver and wife, tract, for \$10.

Milton A. Sullivan and wife to Charles E. Myers and wife, tract, for \$1000.

Ernest E. Schaeffer and wife to Milton A. Sullivan, lot, for \$1000.

Barbara Ellen Vaughn to William E. Sawyer and wife, lot, for \$800.

Mary R. Plummer and husband to Walter L. Shipley and wife, 5 lots and, for \$10.

Amos Dufferin to G. Walter Witt, 5 acres, for \$500.

G. Walter Witt and wife to Maurice L. Dufferin, 5 acres, for \$500.

Harry O. Farver and wife to Mary Hooper, 122 perches, for \$575.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John L. Mann and Carrie B. Leppo, both of Patapsco.

Maurice L. Raubenstein and Bertha M. Mumment, both of York, Pa.

Norris F. Taylor, of Patapsco, and Annie E. Dotor, Thurmont.

Severious F. Wantz and Sophia M. Messel, both of Baltimore.

William L. Gittens, Reisterstown, and Mary C. Kindig, Gwynbrook.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR EXPERT CLASS

On Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor Society of Grace Lutheran Church held a very interesting meeting. Miss Ethel Marker was the leader.

One of the special features of the evening was the graduation exercises of the Christian Endeavor Expert Class. They had the honor of having with them their Carroll county president, Guy L. Fowler, who delivered the address to the graduates, in his usual happy way, after which, he presented the certificates and also the Christian Endeavor Expert pins which were given by the Society, as an appreciation of their efforts to qualify as experts in Christian Endeavor work.

Following are the graduates: The Misses Hattie Willett, Treva Miller, Helen Michael, Elizabeth Bemiller, Ethel Marker, Emma Schaeffer and Miriam Hull.

Mr. Frank S. Stewart was the instructor of the class.

They also have the honor of being the first Society to organize a Christian Endeavor Expert Class in Carroll county and they invite sister societies to catch the inspiration and "Carry On."

MURDER TRIAL STARTS TUESDAY

The case of the State of Maryland vs. Jerry H. Metz, removed from Washington county to the Circuit Court for Carroll County, is set for trial here on Tuesday, December 20th. Metz is charged in the indictment with the murder of William Doffmeyer. At his trial, the State will be represented by State's Attorney, D. Angie Wolfinger, of Washington county, and State's Attorney Theodore P. Brown of this county, and the accused by H. H. Keevy, Esq., of Washington county, and Messrs. Bond & Parke, of Westminster. The defense has decided to try the case before the court, and the petit jurors have been notified that their further attendance will not be necessary at this term of court.

German ambition missed the mark but something appears to have hit it as a wall. —St. Louis City Journal.

DEATHS.

SMITH

James H. Smith died at his residence, East Main street, this city, Wednesday, December 14, aged 71 years, 5 months and 3 days. Mr. Smith has conducted a fire insurance agency in this city for many years, and was active in his work until just a few days before his death. He leaves a widow and two sons, Mr. Claude Smith, of New Mexico, and James E. Smith, Jr., of this city, who was in the insurance business with his father. Funeral services in charge of Revs. Masemore, Ruple and Stein will be held at his late residence Saturday, December 17, at 2 p. m., and interment made in Westminster cemetery. The pallbearers will be C. Floyd Lynch, George Miller, Joshua Dittman and a member representing each of the following lodges: Odd Fellows, Mechanics and Owls, of which he was a member. F. A. Sharrer & Son funeral directors.

OSTERHUS

Edward H. Osterhus died at his home near Eastview, Friday, December 9, aged 67 years, 2 months and 27 days. His death occurred very suddenly. He leaves a widow, one son, William Osterhus, and two daughters, Mrs. John Reed and Mrs. Frederick Schlerf. Funeral services in charge of Rev. McCaslin were held at Providence Church, Gamber, Monday 12th, at 1 p. m., and interment made in adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were John Reed, Frederick Schlerf, William Osterhus, Manassas Reed, William Reed and Edward Reed. F. A. Sharrer & Son funeral directors.

WANTZ

Harry J. Wantz died at his home, near Harney, Sunday, December 11, aged 42 years. His death was the result of a very distressing and fatal accident which occurred Saturday, Dec. 10, as Mr. Wantz was coming home with a load of wood from his woodlot above Emmitsburg, in the mountains. He was drawing the brakes, another man being with the team, when all of a sudden the brake lever broke through Mr. Wantz to the ground, the rear wheel of the wagon passing over part of his chest, causing the fracture of several ribs and internal injuries which resulted in his death the following day. Funeral services were held December 14th at the Lutheran Church, in Harney, by his pastor, Rev. Young, assisted by Rev. Wilbur Shipley. Interment in Piney-Creek cemetery.

He is survived by his wife and one child, Miss Ethel Wantz, at home; also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Wantz, of Harney; two brothers and one sister, Arthur Wantz, near Westminster; Harvey Wantz, of Harney, and Mrs. Harry Ansell, of near Harney. C. O. Fuss & Son funeral directors.

DIBBS

Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Oliver W. Dibbs, died at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Sauble, at Glenville, where he had been residing for a week and a half. He became bedfast a week ago, but had been in poor health for a long time. Death was caused by a complication of diseases. His age was 69 years, 8 months and 6 days.

He is survived by two children, Cyrus Dibbs, and Mrs. William Bortner, of Lineboro; one brother, Jacob W. Dibbs, Lineboro; two sisters, Mrs. Emanuel Hetrick, Lineboro, and Mrs. George P. Sauble, with whom he resided.

He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of Stone Church. Mr. Dibbs was widely known. Ten years ago he weighed 334 pounds, being the heaviest man in that section. For the past year he had been declining.

CLINGAN

William F. Clingan, Civil war veteran, died on Sunday, in York. Death followed an illness of three years, due to paralysis.

The deceased, who was born in Carroll County, Md., was 77 years old. He enlisted in the army when 17 years of age, and became a first sergeant of Captain Hetrick's Company F., Seventh Regiment of Maryland Infantry Volunteers. He was honorably discharged, June 9th, 1865, at Annapolis, Md. He was fraternally a member of Washington Camp, No. 2, P. O. S. of A., of Taneytown, Md., and also a member of K. of P. Lodge No. 36, of the same place. He was a member of the Union Lutheran Church, York.

Besides his wife he leaves the following children: Mrs. Charles Reaver, Camden, N. J.; Mrs. Eugene Miller, Hanover; Arthur Clingan, E. St. Louis, Ill.; Robert Clingan, Taneytown, Md.; Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Frank Gise, George Clingan, Harry Clingan and Luther Clingan, all of York.

The remains were taken to Taneytown, Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock, where further services were held at the Lutheran Church of that place and interment made in the Lutheran cemetery.

KLEFF

Gertrude H. Kleff, widow of the late Arnold J. Kleff, formerly of this city, who having conducted the Old Albion Hotel for many years, died December 9. Funeral was held Monday with interment in Old Fellow's cemetery, Snyrna, Del.

UNFAIR REPORT

IS CORRECTED

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE NOT BLACKLISTED—STATEMENT BY DR. WARD.

A very unfair report has been circulating in some quarters concerning the action taken by the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland at their recent annual meeting at Swarthmore, Pa. It has been reported that certain colleges were placed on a "blacklist," made up of colleges that did not meet the requirements of the Association. Among the colleges of this so-called "blacklist" are Western Maryland College, Hood College, Willson College, and Mt. St. Mary's College. Instead of these colleges being placed upon a "blacklist," they have received the finest rating they ever had, and this list was intended to be an "honorable-mention" list. Sixty colleges were found to meet the requirements concerning endowment, etc., and eleven colleges, which did not meet the requirement of \$500,000 endowment, were placed on this other list, but the Commission in making its report referred to these eleven colleges as being fully entitled to inclusion among those which approximate closely the Definition and Standards of the Association, and the Commission further recommended that the graduates of these colleges be received into other institutions of higher learning. It is said that at least one hundred colleges within the bounds of the Association did not meet these requirements, and they were not classified at this time. Instead of being "blacklisted," as this unfair report has it, the friends of these colleges are to be congratulated upon the splendid growth of these institutions and the fine rating which they have received. Some of the colleges have threatened to bring suit against the papers which have made this erroneous and altogether unfounded report.

This gives me an opportunity to say further word. Western Maryland College has announced a great program for the next five years, and the friends of this institution will be given an opportunity to show their faith in the school and their appreciation of the great work it is doing in a way that will enable the college to fully meet the most exacting requirements that can be made upon institutions of higher learning. In the near future a campaign will be projected for endowment and buildings. Our present endowment is \$350,000. Within a year or two we expect to increase this amount to the \$500,000 required. But in the meantime our graduates are admitted to all institutions of higher learning upon an equality with any other colleges of this country. I am sure that the citizens of Westminster, Carroll County, and of the State of Maryland will rally to the institution not only because of the great service which the school has rendered to this community and state in the past, but also because of the far greater work this college is destined to perform.

A. N. WARD, President, Western Maryland College.

BATSON-CROUSE

Mr. George Batson, of Baltimore, a former resident of this city, and Miss Ida Crouse, of Lucasburg's Mill, were married December 1st, in Washington. The bride and groom after a honeymoon through the West are now living in a comfortable residence in Overlea, which the groom had furnished before.

PARKE

Nora M. Parke, wife of William Parke, and daughter of Mrs. Annie M. McGee and the late Aquilla McGee, died at her home near Reisterstown, December 10, aged 56 years, 10 months and 4 days. Besides her husband and mother, she is survived by three children: G. Archibald Parke, of Baltimore; George and Marie C., at home; also the following brothers and sisters: Walter S. McGee, of Arcadia; Jesse A. McGee, of Baltimore; Andrew M. McGee, of New Jersey; Mrs. J. L. Massey, Washington, and Mrs. Leslie Robertson, near this city. Funeral services were held in Reisterstown, Tuesday morning, interment in Bethel cemetery. J. F. Elfin funeral director.

FRANCE

Lillie France, aged 28 years, wife of James E. France, Jr., of Johnsville, died December 13. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m., at the Johnsville Methodist Episcopal Church. Interment in adjoining cemetery.

THOMPSON

Susan Thompson, aged 74 years, died Sunday at Eldersburg, at the home of her son, Charles Thompson. She was the widow of Charles R. Thompson. Funeral services were held Wednesday with interment in Springfield cemetery.

BOSLEY

Harvey P. Bosley, aged 56 years, son of Joshua N. and the late Sarah Bosley, died at his residence in Woodenside, Wednesday. Funeral services will be held today at his residence. Interment in Hampstead cemetery.

BOY KILLED WHILE HUNTING RABBITS

SHOOTING OF C. T. HAINES, 9, OF WATERVILLE, BY CHAS. MYERS HELD ACCIDENTAL

Claude T. Haines, the nine-year-old son of William F. Haines, Waterville, about two miles below Mt. Airy, was accidentally shot and instantly killed Friday afternoon, about 4 o'clock, by his cousin, Chas. Myers. At an inquest held at the office of Justice Frank M. Lewis, Mt. Airy, Saturday morning, a jury, with Alonzo B. Sellman, foreman, returned a verdict of accidental shooting.

Shortly before the accident Samuel and Charles Myers of near the Fredrick and Carroll county line, 15 and 17 years old, who were visiting their cousins, Claude and Albert Haines, went hunting using an old gun belonging to Mr. Haines. Mrs. Haines however had forbidden the boys to use the gun. At a place a short distance from the house, it is supposed that Charles Myers, who was carrying the gun, saw a rabbit. He raised the weapon to his shoulder and it was discharged. Claude Haines, who was eight or ten feet away, directly in line with the youth with gun, received the entire charge in the back of his neck. He fell to the ground and died instantly. Albert Haines, his 11-year-old brother, ran home and informed his mother of the accident. The Myers boys, frightened, went to their home. The dead body of the unfortunate lad was carried home and State's Attorney Theodore F. Brown, was notified. The latter conducted an inquest held by Magistrate Lewis at Mt. Airy.

It is said that the gun was out of order and perhaps discharged prematurely. The father of the victim is a fireman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN M. HOOK

ENTERTAIN

A most delightful day was spent at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hook on Saturday and Sunday. The day was spent in music and social conversation. At the dinner hour all were invited to the dining room where a sumptuous repast had been prepared, consisting of all the good things of the season, to which all most heartily enjoyed. In the afternoon all were entertained with some excellent music with Miss Beahm, accompanied by the Messrs. Albert Holloway, with saxophone, Clarence Beebler and Truman Hook with violins, and Robert Downs with trombone, which all enjoyed very much. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hook, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hook, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Lambert, son and daughter, Bernice and Merle, of Westminster; Misses Mary and Pauline Hook, Reda Gibson, of Westminster, and Eva Davis, Emma Beebler, Ruth Todd and Margaret Hill of Baltimore; Messrs. Clarence Beebler, Albert Holloway, Robert Downs, Master Sterling Hook and Frank Shamer. The hour for departure came too soon, when all left for their homes, which were far and near, after thanking Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hook for their kindness and hospitality, showing and expressing themselves as having spent a most wonderful day, and wishing to meet soon again.

BASKET BALL

WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATS ELLICOTT CITY HIGH.

Tuesday evening, before a large crowd, Westminster High, trounced Ellcott City High in the Army by the score of 50 to 23. This is the highest score the local team has run up in a single game, and being only the second game of the season, Westminster has hopes for the team making a great showing during the present season.

Hahn, Dittman and Welge played on the team part of last year, and each showed up in good form. Easch and Corbin, the new guards, showed up well and will no doubt play in most of the games, while Flater and Bollinger will be in the run to get into some of the games. Hahn at Centre and Dittman at Forward, each scored eleven field goals netting forty four points for the team.

Last Friday evening the first game was played at Hanover against that high school team. The boys made a good showing but lost by the score of 27 to 22. Yesterday the team played Mt. Saint Mary's Preparatory, at Emmitsburg, and lost by the score of 31 to 19.

Next Wednesday evening a good game may be expected when Franklin high school plays here. A schedule of the remaining games are: Dec. 31st, Franklin High School at Army. Jan. 3rd, Gettysburg High at Gettysburg. Jan. 10th, Gettysburg High at Army. Jan. 13th, Blue Ridge (Second) at New Windsor. Jan. 20th, Hanover High at Army. Jan. 24th, Ellcott City High at Ellcott City. Feb. 2nd, Blue Ridge (Second) at Army. Feb. 9th, Hampstead High at Army. Feb. 24th, Hampstead High at Hampstead.

TOM SLAUGHTER KILLED

CAPTURES PRISON AND LOCKS WARDEN'S FAMILY IN DEATH CELL—OPENS GATES AND OFFERS FREEDOM TO CONVICTS—WAS SHOT BY J. C. HOWARD, CONVICT, WHO LET TO LIBERTY.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 9.—Tom Slaughter, man killer and bank robber, wanted in Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Kentucky and Pennsylvania, who last night took charge of the penitentiary here, locked the warden, his family and guards in cells, opened the gates and doors of the prison, offered freedom to all prisoners, and after ruling the place five hours escaped in an automobile at 2:30 o'clock this morning, was shot and killed by J. C. Howard, forger, one of the six convicts the notorious bandits led to liberty. Howard and three other convicts surrendered to a posse.

Slaughter, under sentence of death for the killing of a trusty guard at the State Prison Farm at Tucker, Ark., where he was serving a life sentence for the killing of Deputy Sheriff Row Brown of Hot Springs more than a year ago.

Six negroes under death sentence in connection with the race riots at Elaine, Ark., in 1919 refused the opportunity to escape and remained in their cells.

Slaughter held up the guard, took their pistols and forced them ahead of him to the stockade, where he overpowered the one guard on duty. Slaughter then opened the cells and offered all the prisoners liberty. Only six took advantage of the offer and the other two of the guards were locked up.

He took one guard to the office of the penitentiary, of which he took possession, turning the guards on duty to the men who elected to escape with him.

Next he went to the hospital and forced a nurse to precede him to the apartments just outside the walls occupied by Warden E. H. Dempsey and his family. The nurse awakened them and Slaughter forced them to accompany him to the death cell, where they were locked up. He told them he would not harm them and later, showing a peculiar trait of character brought them a pot of coffee with cream, sugar and eggs.

Slaughter took an automobile belonging to Mrs. Dempsey and stripped the tires from a Ford roadster belonging to Edward Dempsey, son of the warden.

Slaughter was 26 years old, his career of crime, as given to an Associated Press correspondent at the time of his first incarceration in the penitentiary here, started when he was 14 years old. He was reared in Southern Arkansas, he said, and when 14 was convicted of grand larceny and sentenced to the Arkansas Reformatory, and then drifted to Oklahoma. Since he has participated in numerous bank robberies in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri and elsewhere. He escaped twice from the Texas Penitentiary and his term in Texas was unexpired when he killed Deputy Sheriff Brown in Hot Springs a little over a year ago.

Slaughter denied a killing credited to him in Pennsylvania, but admitted that he had taken part in many robberies.

The desperado, who has been considered the most dangerous by the Arkansas penal institution, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the prison farm at Tucker when he killed a trusty guard.

Slaughter frequently boasted he would not go to the electric chair.

WESTERN MARYLAND ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

SOUTHERN TRIP TO FEATURE FIVE WILL HAVE STRENUOUS JAUNT THROUGH THE LAND OF COTTON

In putting a basketball team on the floor this season, after an absence of several years, Western Maryland College has made up one of the hardest schedules it ever attempted in this sport and hopes to make a real fight for honors in the collegiate field.

Nineteen games have been scheduled by Manager Meyls and three more contests are pending, those with Gallaudet, Randolph-Macon and Maryland State Normal School. There will be 16 games in Westminster and the remainder on foreign floors.

The team will get in action on January 7 against Gettysburg College at Gettysburg and the following week a State college will be met when the St. John's cagemen are encountered at Annapolis. The big feature of the basketball season will be the Southern trip when the team will take, beginning January 16 with Gallaudet at Washington. The itinerary includes on successive days Randolph-Macon, Roanoke, Virginia Poly, Lynchburg and Richmond.

Even though the season does not start until the first of the year, Coach Keller has about 25 candidates on each afternoon for practice in the gymnasium and by the first game in January the team will be in excellent shape. It is possible that a barnstorming trip may be taken during the holidays, which will keep the men in condition for the strenuous schedule ahead. If such a trip is attempted, however, the games will be entirely independent. The greater part of the material at hand is green, but a few have had experience and Coach Keller is hopeful of whipping a well-balanced team from the men who are practicing daily. The schedule for the 1922 season is as follows:

January 7—Gettysburg College, at Gettysburg.

January 13—St. John's College, at Annapolis.

January 14—Albright College, at Westminster.

January 16—Gallaudet College, at Washington (pending).

January 17—Randolph-Macon College, Ashland (pending).

January 18—Roanoke College, at Salem.

January 19—Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg.

January 20—Lynchburg College, at Lynchburg.

January 21—Richmond University, at Richmond.

January 27—Blue Ridge College, at New Windsor.

January 28—St. Francis College, at Westminster.

February 3—Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Westminster.

February 4—Loyola College, at Baltimore.

February 7—Mount St. Mary's, at Emmitsburg.

February 11—St. John's College, at Westminster.

February 16—Blue Ridge College, at Westminster.

February 18—Gettysburg College, at Westminster.

February 23—Davis and Elkins College, at Westminster.

February 25—Pennsylvania Military College, at Chester.

March 4—Loyola College, at Westminster.

March 5—Maryland State Normal School, at Westminster (pending).

March 11—Mount St. Mary's College at Westminster.

FIRE DESTROYS SUMMER HOUSE

THREE PORKERS WEIGHING 150 POUNDS AND CARPENTER TOOLS WERE CONSUMED BY BLAZE

About 11 o'clock Tuesday night, fire was discovered in the summer house of Wesley King, Pennsylvania avenue. The fire was destroyed with contents. The fire was seen by Charles Dular, a neighbor, who sent in the alarm and then notified by telephone Mr. King that his summer house was a fire. When the fire company arrived the building and contents was consumed by the blaze. The house was only 15 feet from the fire but did not catch.

Besides losing three porkers weighing 150 pounds Mr. King had stored away carpenter tools valued at \$150 in the building.

The origin of the fire is undetermined. Mr. King said that he had carried his hose in the building about dark and made other preparations for an early start next morning to finish cutting them up for use, and the fire in the hearth was put out with water.

Neighbors say that an explosion was heard that shook their windows before the fire was noticed.

The loss is partly covered by insurance in the James E. Smith agency.

Miss Marie Louise DeVries, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver DeVries, is having a number of entertainments planned for her, including a dance tonight and one on December 28 and a daisant on December 29.

THREE CRIMINALS FIGHT WAY FROM PRISON

"TWO-GUN TOMMY" O'CONNOR, DOOMED TO HANG YESTERDAY—BEAT DOWN GUARDS, SCALE HIGH WALL AND ESCAPE IN TWO STOLEN AUTO.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Tommy O'Connor, "Two Gunman," sentenced to be hanged Thursday for murder, and two other notorious criminals, today escaped from the county jail, fighting their way past half a dozen guards, most of whom were beaten into unconsciousness by the desperadoes in their dash for liberty.

Starting in the fourth floor "bull pen," where the prisoners were exercising at 11 o'clock this morning, the break for freedom led down five floors through the basement, into the jail yard, and over a 12-foot wall to a street, where an automobile was confiscated. The driver, a pistol-poked into his face, was told to "Drive like hell."

A few minutes later the machine crashed into a telephone pole, but the bandits continued their flight. O'Connor commandeered another car and when last seen the murderer, who has been characterized by the police as Chicago's most desperate gunman, was headed toward the South Side underdworld, armed for battle. Two other prisoners who attempted to escape with the trio were captured in the jail grounds.

The escape, carried out in broad daylight, was the most sensational in this part of the country in many years, and apparently was carefully planned. It was successful despite the fact that several jailers refused to heed the threat of O'Connor's pistol and risked their lives in trying to obstruct his dash for liberty.

The two men who escaped with O'Connor were Edward Darrow, charged with a \$60,000 robbery, and James La Porte, alleged to have been implicated in a \$30,000 robbery. O'Connor had been in trouble with the police on many occasions, but his apparent immunity from conviction earned him the title of "Lucky Tommy."

Last spring half a dozen detectives went to O'Connor's home to question him about a crime. While they were there Policeman Patrick O'Neill was shot to death and O'Connor, later convicted of the murder, escaped despite the presence of half a dozen officers, most of whom were suspended for their apparent negligence.

After several weeks, Tommy's proverbial luck failed, for he was captured in St. Paul, brought back here, convicted and sentenced to hang.

Seventy-five prisoners were exercising in the "bull pen" when O'Connor and his pals made their break.

David Strauss was the only guard in the room at the time. One of the men, according to Strauss, suddenly whispered something to O'Connor. The five prisoners in the jail break simultaneously jumped on Strauss, O'Connor drawing a revolver which had been smuggled to him. A sack was placed over Strauss' head and he was beaten into unconsciousness.

O'Connor repeatedly brought down the butt of the pistol on the guard's head.

Hearing the commotion, two other guards rushed into the "bull pen." O'Connor ordered them to throw up their hands, but they refused and sprang forward. Apparently afraid that the sound of shooting would bring so many guards that escape would be impossible, O'Connor did not fire. The guards were beaten into unconsciousness.

One of the guards had the keys to the jail, and these were taken from him. The five men dashed for the freight elevator, but ran into an assistant jailer. Pointing the revolver at him, O'Connor shouted: "Stand back, or I'll blow you to hell!"

The jailer sprang at O'Connor, but the criminal felled him and continued his flight.

Down to the basement, past two more guards, the convicts fled, and then started to scale the 12-foot wall surrounding the jail. Here two of the prisoners tripped and were captured at the foot of the wall, but O'Connor and the other two got over safely.

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